

August 20, 2016

## **Saturday the busiest so far; two days remain for extended access to Ellicott City's Main Street**

ELLICOTT CITY, MD – With two days remaining, today was the busiest so far in the five-day window of extended access to Ellicott City's Main Street.

Today, more than 94 vehicles visited Main Street to help with the cleaning out of 61 properties. Additionally, hundreds of family members, friends and employees assisted merchants and business owners in the cleanup.

"Once again, we had an orderly, productive day," said Howard County Executive Allan H. Kittleman. "Each day we've seen steady progress and unwavering spirit. We know these folks are maximizing every opportunity to finish their cleanup."

With thunderstorms projected Sunday, the Howard County Office of Emergency Management continues to closely monitor weather forecasts and radar. A fast-moving cold front is expected to move through the region between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., possibly bringing brief but heavy rainfall and wind gusts of 30-50 mph.

Should it become necessary, access to Ellicott City's Main Street may be suspended or terminated. Those participating in the cleanup Sunday are asked to listen to announcements and/or warnings from county officials, and follow their direction, if there is a need to evacuate Main Street to ensure public safety.

Access to the area is scheduled to continue through Monday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. As a reminder, cars, vans, pickups and small box trucks up to 15-feet long will be allowed to enter the Main Street area for the retrieval of larger items and belongings. Those planning to bring a vehicle must call 410-313-2900 to have access approved and scheduled. Anyone participating in the cleanup must be at least 18 years of age (or 16 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian) to gain access to the site.

Credentialing and staging will begin at 7 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 at the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City. The Disaster Assistance Center, located in the Ellicott City 50+ Center at 9401 Frederick Road, will continue credentialing services during the regular hours of 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday and 2 to 7 p.m. on Monday.

A community-provided supply truck will be located on Lot E (off of Court Avenue near Main Street) distributing and replenishing cleaning supplies throughout the day.

In other recovery news...

- The U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) is open inside the Ellicott City 50+ Center Sunday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. and weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition, SBA representatives will be on hand at the George Howard Building from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 21 to answer questions about the loan program and help with applications.

- The Disaster Assistance Center, also located in the Ellicott City 50+ Center, will be open the following hours through Fri. Aug. 26.

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday through Wednesday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information or assistance, please call 410-313-2900 and continue to visit the recovery resource page at [www.ECfloodrecovery.org](http://www.ECfloodrecovery.org).

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